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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, in that report there are many unanimous recommendations also. What has the Hon. Minister to say about them? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" We are on the next question."

Opening of a Medical College at Kozhikode.

* 55 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation recently from Malabar Pradesh Congress Committee and Kozhikode Municipal Council, requesting the Government to take steps to open a Medical College at Kozhikode; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Representations have been received from the Kozhikode District Congress Committee and the Kozhikode Municipal Council requesting the Government to start a Medical College at Kozhikode. No representation in the matter has however been received from the Malabar Pradesh Congress Committee.

" (*b*) The Secretary of the Kozhikode District Congress Committee has been informed that it is not possible to consider at present the question of opening a Medical College at Kozhikode. A copy of this letter has been sent to the Kozhikode Municipal Council also."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the fact that a large number of students from Malabar seek admission into Medical Colleges, will the Government be pleased to take steps to reconsider this question and open a Medical College in Malabar which is a longstanding demand and need of the people of Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It will be considered in due course when the finances permit and other conditions are favourable."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" This plea of lack of finance appears to be the ubiquitous answer of the Hon. Minister. In view of the importance of the matter and in view of the demand from the people, this kind of excuse in a Welfare State will give no credit to the Government. With the co-operation, contribution and efforts of the local people, will the Government make a serious attempt to give Malabar a Medical College in the same way as they rush to the aid of other districts? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Gentleman has been already representing to us that the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Periyaram is languishing for want of funds. Now he wants us to start a Medical College and says that he will collect funds. I request the hon. Gentleman to organize the collection work first and then approach the Government."